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TOPIC Plexiglass in Nose Section of Bombers

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The following information on twin-engine planes stationed at the airfields of BERNEUCHEN (N 53/V 06), STRANUSBERG (N 53/V 15), FINSTERWALDE (N 52/A 15) and COTTBUS (N 52/A 5 7) covering the period from September 1949 to January 1950 was supplied by 11 different sources.

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The presence of plexiglass in the nose section was observed at the STRANUSBERG airfield.
reported PE-2 planes without plexiglass in the nose section at the four airfields.

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two different types similar to the PE-2 were seen at these fields, which were described as follows:

Type 1: Conventional PE-2 type except for some minor variations such as plexiglass ovals at sides of fuselage and antenna rod at fore section of cockpit cover. One report from COTTBUS stated that a pointed cupola was in the middle of the cockpit cover.

Type 2: Fuselage, tail unit and engine installation as with type 1; two separate cockpit covers, one behind the other, with the rear cover higher than the front cover; no weapon or ventral gun mount pointing to the rear in cockpit; 3-man crew; one machine gun at each side of fuselage; flaps at bottom of fuselage.

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Comment:

- Type 1 is supposedly the PE-2
- Type 2 apparently is a new model of the PE-2 or PE-5 (exact model designation still not known).
- All regiments of the III Bmr Corps apparently were re-equipped with new aircraft. It is considered possible that

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they are now to be committed as fighter reconnaissance units. The information that type 2 has two flaps at the bottom of fuselage and that bombs were stored at the fields indicates possible utilization of these planes as bombers.

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